

## House Resolution 351

By: Representative Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Lori Martin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lori Martin, an educator at Commerce Middle School, is widely  
3 recognized throughout her community and the state as the personification of excellence in  
4 education; and

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding dedication to academic achievement, Mrs.  
6 Martin has been named the 2008-2009 Commerce City School System Teacher of the Year;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in special  
9 education from North Georgia College, Mrs. Martin continued her devoted study by earning  
10 a master's degree in special education from North Georgia College and a specialist degree  
11 in leadership and administration from Lincoln Memorial University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin has dedicated 17 years to education in Commerce City Schools  
13 with experience teaching kindergarten, second grade, fifth grade, and special education; and

14 WHEREAS, a devoted woman of faith, Mrs. Martin is an active member of First United  
15 Methodist Church, teaching Sunday school, serving as Children's Church Leader, working  
16 on the Executive Council, and contributing to the Pre-school Board and the Administrative  
17 Council; and

18 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young  
19 people and Mrs. Martin has, during her teaching career, exemplified the selfless dedication  
20 and professionalism which are characteristic of our finest educators; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body join in expressing appreciation to Mrs. Martin  
22 for her outstanding efforts and accomplishments in professional education.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 Mrs. Lori Martin is hereby recognized, commended, and congratulated upon being selected  
25 as Teacher of the Year; and gratitude is expressed for the great credit this fine educator  
26 reflects upon the Commerce City School System and the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Lori Martin.